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Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: October 22nd Open Meeting

Dear Chairman Genachowski, Commissioners Baker, Clyburn, Copps and McDowell:

Acadian Ambulance Service Inc. is the largest private ambulance service in the nation. Our advanced capabilities and massive resources serve not only metropolitan areas where such quality is expected but also provide the highest possible level of pre-hospital emergency medical care and disaster response to the most remote parts of the primitive swamps and oil installations in the open gulf.

Wireless and broadband networks are crucial to our business and I hope the Federal Communications Commission encourages continued investment in these technologies instead of placing harmful network neutrality regulations on this market. Now, more than ever, we must continue to invest in our broadband and wireless infrastructures. It's crucial to economic development, job growth, and to keeping people and businesses connected.

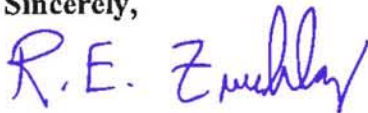
The use of wireless technologies allow emergency medical services (EMS) to wirelessly transmit crucial medical data to hospitals receiving patients with life-threatening illnesses and injuries. For instance, the wireless transmission of 12-lead electrocardiograms (ECGs) from the ambulances to the hospital emergency departments save lives by reducing the time to treatment – in this case, the time it takes to get oxygen back to a dying heart muscle. This is especially important for our patients who live in rural communities with long transport times into cardiac heart centers located in urban areas.

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The wireless industry is a perfect example of how competition has benefited consumers. Competition is bringing consumers access to the latest technology, better prices and improved customer service. Consumers can choose from multiple providers and unlimited device options. Consumers are effectively the regulator of the industry and that's the way it should remain.

The consequences of unnecessary regulations could be disastrous. I urge you to support public policy that supports the wireless and broadband networks.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Zuschlag  
Chairman & CEO

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